

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, June 3, 2019 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall
Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 5/28/19
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Warning for Special Meeting
 - Slate Valley Trails trail system/Act 250 application
 - Advertisement for town vacancies
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Executive Session
- 8) Health Officer's Report
- 9) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 10) Board Orders
- 11) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

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Tom Coloutti called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Tom Coloutti, Terry Williams, George Miller, and Carol Bunce. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Neal Vreeland, Richard Munch and Harry Drum.

Adoption of the Agenda: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the agenda. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams mentioned the minutes of 5-28-19 need a correction that Efficiency Vermont is not going away, but restructuring and continuing county energy audits. George Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of 5-28-19 with the correction. Carol Bunce seconded the motion with corrections. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns:

- Richard Munch attended and expressed concern about the conditions of Hillside Road, including grading, crowning, potholes. He wondered about the grader and whether it was being used to its potential. Discussion followed.
- Harry Drum expressed similar concerns as Mr. Munch. He stated he has been on Lewis Road for 18 years. He wondered why the crew would grade Lewis Road but then skip the connector roads such as Hanon Road. He wondered why the crew would use stone as temporary fixes rather than grading. He wondered if the grader hours are tracked year to year. He wondered if the roads are graded on a fixed schedule. Donaldson stated that the crew does try to repair the high traffic roads first, and then as they can get to the other roads. Often times plans are modified based upon emergency repairs, such as culvert failures, washouts, downed trees, etc. Discussion followed.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley was not in attendance. Donaldson reported that the crew continues to work on road washouts. There have been a number of culvert failures that have been happening. The crew has been applying new material to the roads, and grading/repairing potholes.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- The board needs to post the Warning for the Special Meeting re: Vote of Zoning Bylaw changes. Our attorney has advised we should hold a Special Informational Meeting, and not try to do it on a regular meeting. The board decided to change its regular meeting to July 1, 2019 and reserve July 8, 2019 for the Informational Meeting. Donaldson will advertise this change. We will also discuss the bridge closure on July 1, 2019. Donaldson to advertise this.
- Discussion regarding Slate Valley Trails system and their Act 250 application. The group is seeking a letter of support from the town and the fire department as well as the Act 250 Municipal Questionnaire. Discussion followed regarding preparedness to respond to an emergency situation on the trails. Donaldson and Chief Kerber have been working with the group to find funding for equipment and training. The group has provided a letter indicating their assistance to find funding. Terry Williams made a motion to provide a letter of support and to sign the Municipal Questionnaire. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussion regarding seeking to fill vacancies on Planning Commission, DRB, Health Officer, Animal Control. Donaldson to run ad in paper.

Transact any Other Lawful Business: None.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: None.

Executive Session: Terry Williams made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:09 P.M. to discuss Personnel Matters. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Terry Williams made a motion to leave Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. No action taken.

Board Orders:

George Miller made a motion to pay board orders. Terry Williams seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Adjournment:

George Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Bunce seconded the Motion.

Motion carried.

s/Paul Donaldson